

Appendix table 7-59.

**Public assessment of magnetic therapy, by
selected characteristics: 2001**
(Percentages)

Characteristic	2001
All adults (number = 1,574)	
Very scientific	14
Sort of scientific	54
Not at all scientific	25
Do not know	7
Male (number = 751)	
Very scientific	14
Sort of scientific	51
Not at all scientific	28
Do not know	6
Female (number = 823)	
Very scientific	14
Sort of scientific	56
Not at all scientific	22
Do not know	8
Less than high school graduate (number = 116)	
Very scientific	30
Sort of scientific	47
Not at all scientific	18
Do not know	5
High school graduate (number = 834)	
Very scientific	13
Sort of scientific	58
Not at all scientific	22
Do not know	6
Baccalaureate and higher (number = 614)	
Very scientific	8
Sort of scientific	47
Not at all scientific	35
Do not know	10
Attentive public to science and technology^a (number = 195)	
Very scientific	14
Sort of scientific	47
Not at all scientific	34
Do not know	5

^aTo be classified as attentive to a given policy area, an individual must indicate that he or she is "very interested" in that issue, is "very well informed" about it, and a regular reader of a daily newspaper or relevant national magazine. Individuals who report that they are "very interested" in an issue area but do not think that they are "very well informed" about it are classified as the "interested public." All other individuals are classified as members of the "residual public" for that issue. The attentive public for science and technology combines the attentive public for new scientific discoveries and the attentive public for new inventions and technologies. Any individual who is not attentive to either of those issues but who is a member of the interested public for at least one of those issues is classified as a member of the interested public for science and technology. All other individuals are classified as members of the residual public for science and technology.

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. A few respondents did not provide information about their highest level of education. Responses are to the following question: Based on what you've read or heard, would you say that magnetic therapy is very scientific, sort of scientific, or not at all scientific?

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS), NSF Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology, 2001.